

BACKGROUND

In June of 1997 the Department of Transportation entered into a Consent Decree to settle a lawsuit brought against the Department for non-compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

As required by the Consent Decree, the Department developed a Transition Plan, which identified areas of non-compliance due to architectural barriers. The barriers were divided into two groups; Priority-1 and Priority-2. Priority-1 barriers are to be removed within three years beginning July 1, 1999 and Priority-2 barriers removed within six years, also beginning July 1, 1999.

Each Division; Airports, Harbors and Highways identified Priority-1 & 2 barriers respective to their operations and will implement projects to correct these.

REPORT

I] Airports (AIR) – Estimated completion: 17%

Airports had an architectural barriers removal program in progress prior to the DOT entering into the consent decree. Since the consent decree AIR has expanded the barriers removal program to nine (9) separate projects.

The design for two of the projects has been completed:

1. AS1080-11: Lihue Airport & Commuter Terminal at Honolulu International Airport (HIA). Project bid on April 8, 1999. Notice to proceed is November 29, 1999.
2. AS1080-13: HIA main terminal. Lou Chan & Associates selected as consultants. The contract is currently being negotiated. Estimated design completion date – 5/2/01; estimated construction start date - 10/23/01; estimated construction completion date – 9/30/02
3. AS1080-14: Molokai Airport, Hilo International Airport, & Kona International Airport. The design has been completed and routed to FAA for review. Federal monies have been requested for the construction and approval is pending.

The remaining projects are in the design consultant selection process:

1. AS1080-16 Island of Kauai.
2. AS1080-17 Island of Oahu, Kalaeloa Airport, Inter-Island Terminal at HIA, and Dillingham Airport.
3. AS1080-18 Island of Molokai.
4. AS1080-19 Island of Lanai.
5. AS1080-20 Island of Maui, Kahului International Airport, Hana Airport, and Kapalua Airport.
6. AS1080-21 Island of Hawaii, Hilo International Airport, Kona International Airport, Upolu Airport, and Waimea-Kohala Airport.

II] Harbors (HAR) Estimated completion – 25%

The Harbors Division's Priority-1 projects are underway. The Engineering Branch is using its Maintenance, Design, Planning and Construction Sections, and the District Offices to complete the identified work items. The majority of the corrective work will be done in-house by the District Offices. The remaining work will be done under the Engineering Special Maintenance Program. A consultant for this work has been selected and a contract should be executed by February 2000.

1. Oahu District, 7%, complete: Priority-1 areas are the Aloha Tower, Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor Office Building, Honolulu Harbor CFS #2 Main Building, Pier 21 Machine Shop, Pier 24 Administration Building, Pier 39 Shed and Pier 40 Shed.

Construction has begun on CFS #2 Main Building, Pier 39 Shed and Pier 40 Shed. Work on the Aloha Tower, Barbers Point Office Building, Pier 21 Machine Shop, and Pier 24 Administration Building is currently being programmed.

Some of the barriers listed for the CFS #2 Main Building may be under the jurisdiction of the tenant and not the DOT. HAR is in the process of determining responsibility.

2. Maui District, 32% complete: Priority-1 areas within the Kahului Harbor include the Harbors Division Office, OTA Building, Pier 1A Shed and Pier 2 Shed, all in Kahului. Only the shed at the Kaunakakai Harbor on Molokai was identified as having Priority 1 work.

The OTA Building has been completely renovated and the Pier 2 Shed has been demolished; therefore, the work items associated with these buildings are 100% completed. Work on the Harbors Division Office, Pier 1A Shed, and Kaunakakai Harbor Shed is currently being programmed.

3. Hawaii District, 28% complete: Priority-1 areas are Harbors Division Office-Hilo, Radio Bay Comfort Station, Pier 1 Shed, and Pier 2 Shed.

Construction has begun on all areas.

Some of the barriers listed for the Pier 1 and Pier 2 Sheds may be under the jurisdiction of the tenant and not the DOT. HAR is in the process of determining responsibility.

4. Kauai District, 47% complete: Priority-1 areas are Pier 2 Shed and Pier 3 Shed at Nawiliwili and Port Allen Harbor.

Construction has begun at Pier 2 and at Port Allen. Work on Pier 3 is currently being programmed. Some of the barriers listed for the Pier 3 Shed may be under the jurisdiction of the tenant and not the DOT. HAR is in the process of determining responsibility.

III] Highways (HWY) Estimated completion – 24%

The Highways Division Priority-1 areas are located mainly on Oahu and are divided among nine projects. Eight of the projects are on Oahu and one is located on Hawaii.

Two projects are under construction:

1. Farrington Highway – Paiwa Street to Leoole Street, 55% complete.
2. Improvements to 869 Punchbowl (DOT Main Building), 50% complete.

Two projects have been recently bid and are scheduled to start construction soon:

3. Kalanianaʻole Highway – West Hind Drive to Ainakoa Drive bid September 30, 1999
4. Kamehameha Highway – Acacia Road to Honomau Street, bid August 19, 1999.

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One project is in the design phase:

5. Ala Moana Boulevard - Atkinson Drive to Kalakaua Avenue.

Four projects are currently being programmed:

6. Farrington Highway – Waipahu Depot Street to Aniani Street,
7. Farrington Highway – Nanakuli to Makaha,
8. Miscellaneous Intersections on Oahu, and Accessibility For Sidewalks at Various Locations – Hawi, Kapaau, and Honkaa.